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David Gowan

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SPEAKER DAVID GOWAN OBSERVES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

STATE CAPITOL, AZ (Thursday, October 1, 2015) – Speaker of the House David Gowan today released the following statement:

“One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Every 44 minutes in Arizona, one or more children witness domestic violence. Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.”*

“The statistics are just staggering – but domestic violence and abuse is more than that. It is an epidemic that affects people regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background. It harms our communities and hurts those we love most – and what’s worse it is generally kept secret, overlooked, excused, or denied. The consequences last a lifetime and it must end. ”

“Noticing and acknowledging the signs of domestic violence are the first step to ending it. If you or someone you know is being abused, please reach out. There is help and support available.”

For more information or resources on domestic violence please visit: www.itcanstop.az.gov

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